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In re Patent Application of

ELIYAHOU HARARI

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For: FLASH EEPROM SYSTEM
WITH DEFECTIVE BLOCK
SUBSTITUTION (as amended)



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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed on December 20, 1999, setting a response period expiring on March 20, 2000, applicant responds to the Official Action as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

--75. The memory as claimed in claim 69, further comprising an erasing circuit to erase contents of all of said memory cells accessible by a common sector address in response to an erasing signal.